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Title: GERMAN ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE SCHOOLS

Investigation of confidential files in CID and MIS yields almost nothing on schools such as these. Reliable information on such schools rarely, if ever, finds its way into print. What I am able to offer you, therefore, is very meager.

1. There is a reference in an MA report to an espionage school in Doebeln, near Dresden, and one in Wustrow (1939).

2. Schools of this description can with reasonable certainty be traced to German military intelligence under Admiral Canaris and to the SS-Sicherheitsdienst of the German Police System. Department V of the Central Office (Hauptamt) of the SS-Sicherheitsdienst is devoted to Ausland and is under the direction of one Daufeld, who, presumably, is also in charge of training agents in foreign countries. It is also certain that this Department V operates through the various branches of the Auslands-organisation of the NSDAP, particularly through its Labor Front, its Akademischer Austauschdienst, and the organization of German seamen. All these units are part of the A.O. This is done, not so much by direct control by the SS-Sicherheitsdienst, but by scattering its agents among the members of these organizations and using these latter as a cover. It may be useful in this connection to refer to the illuminating and accurate discussion of the operation of this system in the Putlitz Document which is now accessioned in C.I.D.

3. It is also known that the Prussian Gestapo is not even yet completely amalgamated with the Geheime Staatspolizei of the rest of the Reich. Department III of this Prussian Gestapo is under the direction of

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Dr. Werner Best. This Department III sends agents abroad and, presumably, also trains them in its schools in Berlin.

4. In a conversation with Colonel Maguire, now head of the European Division of MIS, it appeared that Dasch, one of the German saboteurs, made a complete confession. According to Col. Maguire these papers are now in Gen. Strong's office and contain a considerable body of information on this subject. Since you indicated that these papers were being obtained for this office, I made no effort to see them.

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